

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND BODYWORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 3, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary Marlene Cummings (portion of meeting), Susan Frolik, Dena Mae Schacht, Fayne Diegel, Vlad Thomas, Robert Myran, Claude Gagnon (arrived 9:57), John Botsford (arrived 10:17), Marcia Kohler (arrived 10:22), Michael Carey (arrived 10:36)

MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Kent Bergstrom, Joann Griffin, Nancy Knapp

LEGAL COUNSEL: William Black

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans, Myra Shelton (portion of meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Nania called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Robert Myran moved, seconded by Fayne Diegel, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2000

MOTION: Susan Frolik moved, seconded by Robert Myran, to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2000 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings talked briefly about alternative health practices working in conjunction with veterinarians for the treatment and health of animals.

SUMMARY REPORTS OF PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

1999 WISCONSIN ACT 98

This item was informational. 1999 Wisconsin Act 98 gives the Department statutory authority to approve massage therapy and bodyworking programs and addresses the examination requirements.

DRAFT STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS

LeeAnn Cooper presented the draft standards for the approval of drug testing programs to the Advisory Committee and answered their questions.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND BODYWORKERS

The public hearing commenced at 10:04 a.m. The only two speakers who registered to present testimony were Jesse Garza, Legal Counsel for the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, and Vlad Thomas, speaking on his own behalf. The hearing concluded at 10:19 a.m.

MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (MATC) THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM

This item was informational. The program has been approved.

NEW MASSAGE THERAPISTS/BODYWORKERS BROCHURE

Myra Shelton handed out the new brochure for massage therapists and bodyworkers. She thanked Robert Myran for his input.

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The committee members discussed the issue of body wraps and cosmetic procedures. The definition of massage therapy in Chapter 440.98(4)(a), Wis. Stats., reads "...the science and healing art that uses manual actions to palpate and manipulate the soft tissue of the human body...". Body wraps do not fall within this definition.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:06 a.m.

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